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1. Replace the sixth preambular paragraph with the following text:

"*Deeply alarmed* at the number of mines that continue to be laid each year in excess of national requirements for self-defence, as well as the presence of a large number of mines and other unexploded devices as a result of armed conflicts, and thus convinced of the necessity and urgency of a significant increase in mine-clearance efforts by the international community with a view to eliminating the threat of landmines to civilians as soon as possible".

2. Replace the eleventh preambular paragraph with the following text:

"*Stressing* the need to convince mine-affected States to halt new deployments of anti-personnel mines that are in excess of national requirements for self-defence in order to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of mine-clearance operations".

3. Replace operative paragraph 9 with the following text:

"9. *Emphasizes again* the important role of the United Nations in the effective coordination of mine-action activities, including those by regional organizations, and especially the role of the United Nations Mine Action Service, and stressing the need for the continuous assessment by the General Assembly of the United Nations policy in this regard".

4. Replace operative paragraph 20 with the following text:

"20. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session a comprehensive report on United Nations mine action policy, including the progress achieved on relevant issues outlined both in his previous reports to the Assembly on assistance in mine clearance and mine action and in the present resolution, as well as progress made by the International Committee of the Red Cross and other international and regional organizations as well as national programmes, and on the operation of the Voluntary Trust Fund for Assistance in Mine Action and other mine-action programmes".

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